2009-2010 School Year Principal Evaluation Survey Summary

In order to meet the goals of Arizona's State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) II application, the Arizona Department of Education is required to annually survey local education agencies (LEAs) regarding their evaluation practices for principals, and make the results of the survey available to the public.

The principal evaluation survey was sent to Superintendents in the state. 58% of the LEAs and charter holders responded to the survey. The results convey that 88% of the LEAs evaluate their principals. Of those, 74% of the LEAs evaluate their principals at least once a year. Student achievement is used as part of the evaluation in most LEAs but the weight it carries in the evaluation varies widely by LEA (Figure 3). The survey asked to list the number of principals in four performance categories. Figure 4 shows the distribution of four performance levels in the LEAs. The LEAs have different evaluation practices and the data did not neatly fit into four categories for some LEAs. Some LEAs did not give an overall rating to their principals which made it difficult for them to fill out the survey. The LEAs use the data from the evaluation mostly for principal development and retention, as shown in Figure 5.









